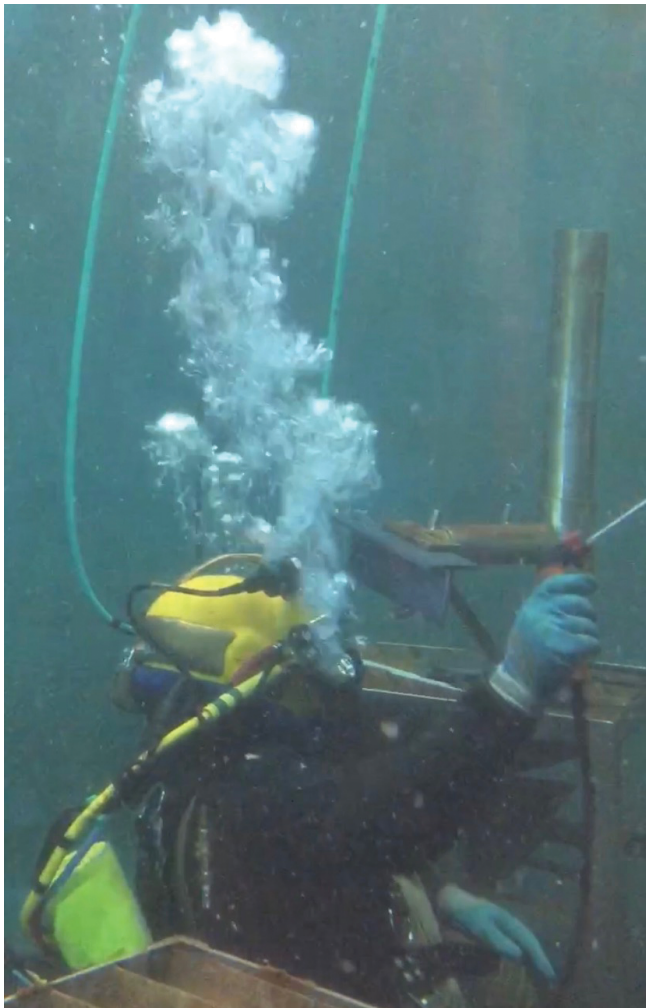


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Meet Your Neighbor Commercial Diving Takes Him Deep and Far

By Julie Scheff, photos provided by the Girdlestone Family

Salvator Way resident Mark Girdlestone's job as a commercial diver is one of extremes.

Girdlestone suits up for temperatures ranging from 30 degrees to 85 degrees. He may plunge as deep as 328 feet under the sea. He may work in total visibility or in pitch darkness where he can't even see his hands in front of him.

When he can see—like in the Gulf of Mexico where visibility is 200 feet—he has observed the ocean's majesty: schools of tuna, octopus and sharks. Throughout his 22 years of diving, has also found the debris of humanity: antique bottles, shipwrecks and even guns.

"I've seen some of the coolest stuff this planet has to offer," says the 43-year-old, quipping that he has not yet discovered a treasure chest of gold. He did pick up California's largest scallop shell ever discovered, that now decorates his home and a ceramic vase that he jokes could be either from antiquity or have an IKEA label affixed to the bottom.

His work has taken him as far as Kuwait, Peru and Alaska and as close as the San Francisco Bay Delta. He still works for Harbor Offshore which got him his first job while still enrolled in a two-year diving program. He remembers his first job laying salt-water intake pipeline for UC Santa Barbara. The pipeline brought salt water into the university's marine biology tanks...

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HPNA Holiday Community Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th, 6:30 p.m. | via Zoom

You are invited to the HPNA Holiday Community Meeting!
Come one come all and join us on Zoom to participate in:

- Our local restaurant gift certificates and prizes giveaway!
- Voting in our Board Members in a quick election!
- Sharing your indoor holiday decorations with everyone!
- Surprise guest speakers!

I'll be there as your host and look forward to seeing each one of you.

-Jeff Lidicker, HPNA President

Zoom link: hollywoodpark95822.org/community-meeting

Meeting ID: 893 4524 9492 | **Passcode:** 862872

For dialing instructions, please visit the HPNA website at www.hollywoodpark95822.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS



Jeff Lidicker, HPNA President

President's Letter

Hello to all Hollywood Park and Carleton Tract residents!

Take a look at the winners of our Halloween House Decorating Contest in this issue and get inspired for the Holiday House Decorating Contest coming up this month. There are details in this issue of the newsletter on how to participate.

Also coming up this month is the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association Holiday Community Meeting. We investigated all the ways we could think of being together in person for the event, but in the end, we will have to share our home holiday decorations on Zoom at least one more time.

Please join me and the other Board Members as we close out the year in our last Community Meeting of 2021. We will share our holiday decorations with each other, have a quick Board Member Election, give away more food and prizes, and feature guest

speakers! Details about how to attend the event are also in this issue of the newsletter.

As usual, we are always welcoming help keeping our community organized and in the know. So, if you have a passion about Hollywood Park and want to do something about it, please send us an email at info@hollywoodpark95822.org and we'll be glad to discuss it with you.

At the end of the year, it always gives me pause to think about our neighborhood and how much the Board has accomplished this year. We have maintained the website, a Facebook page, Instagram account, both household and commercial memberships, hosted a movie night with Jay, hosted an ice-cream social with Jay, hosted a Mega Yard Sale, participated in Fourth of July festivities, and published the newsletter for another year. I would like to thank the entire Board for their dedication to Hollywood Park and the association. I know how hard you have all worked. I would also like to thank the volunteers of the CommuniTree Committee for helping to raise our property values with more trees! Happy Holidays to all and may everyone have a safe and healthy new year!

Your HPNA President,
Jeff Lidicker



The Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) has been working to improve our neighborhood since 2001. We are active in monitoring local and county government projects, enjoy hosting annual neighborhood events and sharing neighborhood news.

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Special thanks to Pearl Skelton for providing the layout of the Hollywood Park Herald, to Victor Vasquez and all our volunteers for coordinating the distribution of the Herald, and to Anthony Skelton for assistance on our HPNA website.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Events are tentative and dates are subject to change. For more details visit the HPNA website at www.hollywoodpark95822.org.

December 2021

4: Community Mural Paint Day!
(see notice on page 6)
9: Board Meeting
15: Community Meeting:
Election of Board Members for 2022; Your Chance to Win Raffle Prizes Courtesy our Local Businesses; Surprise Guest Speakers!
17-19: Hollywood Park!*
Holiday House Decorating Contest; Judges Tour
20-21: Holiday Caroling*
(to be announced)

January 2022

13: Board Meeting

February 2022

4: Hollywood Park Herald Deadline for Submissions
10: Board Meeting
Week of 22: Hollywood Park Herald Distributed

March 2022

10: Board Meeting
16: Community Meeting

April 2022

14: Board Meeting

May 2022

12: Board Meeting

June 2022

3: Ice Cream Social
9: Board Meeting
15: Community Meeting

July 2022

4: 4th of July Parade*
14: Board Meeting

August 2022

11: Board Meeting

September 2022

8: Board Meeting
21: Community Meeting
24: Ice Cream Social & Movie Night

**These neighborhood events are NOT sponsored by HPNA*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Notice for the Election of the 2022 HPNA Board of Directors

**Do you want to get involved in your neighborhood?
Join the HPNA Board!**

There will be four open HPNA Board positions for the election to be held in December 2021 who will serve a two-year term. Of the four, three current Board members plan to run for re-election. In addition to the four two-year terms referred to above, there is an additional one-year term remaining if an individual wants to join the Board for a half term.

Individuals interested in running for the Board, please contact Lynn Humphries at lyn Humphries@aol.com no later than December 3, 2021. Elections will be held during the annual Holiday Community Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2021 during which the 2022 Board will be announced.

Board members are required to be a member in good standing with HPNA and must live in Hollywood Park or Carleton Tract. As a Board member, you will also be required to actively participate in monthly Board meetings, quarterly community meetings, HPNA sponsored events/contests throughout the year and other meetings and projects.

Holiday Bows \$1 Each



We're selling our big red plastic holiday bows—the very ones you've seen on our streetlights during the holidays!

One Day Flash Sale

Saturday, December 4th
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
2107 Stover Way
\$1 each

For more information call either
Irene Wilson: (916) 455-1253 or
Kathleen Spitzer: (916) 599-7336

Thank you from the HPNA Board

Thank you neighbors, for attending HPNA's Fall Community Meeting via Zoom on September 15, 2021 and thanks to our guest speakers Lt. Brian Kinney from the South Division of the Sacramento City Police Department, and Jaya King from the Mural Project.

Congratulations to the winners of gift certificates for the following local businesses:

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Commercial Diving *story continued from cover*

His tasks have ranged from laying pipeline to inspecting oil platforms in order to prevent massive oil spills. In Mexico, he re-routed flare booms in order to reduce waste and emissions. In the Bay Area, he worked on seismic retrofitting the San Rafael bridge, and helping build the new Bay Bridge.



Fire and Water

Under the Bay Bridge, he used an endothermic rod that spews fire at ten thousand degrees. The magnesium, 100% oxygen and electricity flowing through the copper rod create the fire to burn the pilings under water. He recalls the work conditions as very challenging—fast currents, black water that required memorizing the blueprints of the site.

One job for the U.S. Navy involved laying pipeline in the ocean waters of San Clemente used to detect engine frequencies of ships in order to spot drug smugglers. His diving in the Delta to salvage a paddle wheel boat called the “Spirit of Sacramento” earned him television coverage about five years ago.

At six foot-three, with bulging muscles and a sun-kissed complexion, he could be mistaken for a marine. He considered that path before choosing to attend the Marine Diving Technology program at Santa Barbara City College and graduating in 1998. His salt and pepper curls tousle in the wind and evoke the waves of the sea as do his tattoos. He sports multiple tattoos including a trout and fly fish tackle on his right forearm and a blue anchor on the underside of his left forearm emblazoned with the date he married his wife.

Girdlestone, like many men, owns suits. His three, understandably, are quite different. He wears either the hot water suit, the wet suit or the dry suit. Cables directing hot water through his suit will protect him from extreme cold. That’s called the hot water suit. Under his dry suit, he can don wool underwear and socks—his “woolies”. And his wet suit is for less extreme temperatures.

A “tender” helps him put on his “neck dam” and the 32-pound, fiberglass helmet (equivalent weight to a concrete masonry block on dry land). The tender hands him his tools. The tender also feeds him the “umbilicals,” cables feeding him with life-supporting air. Next comes his mental preparation: “You have to keep your head in the game,” he says. “It’s pretty dangerous. He asks himself:

“If something happens, this is how I’m going to get out of trouble.” Trouble he has had. Once he got the terribly painful bends when he emerged too quickly from a dive. Recuperating from deep water requires resting in a hyperbaric chamber that replicates the pressure you would experience in the deep water. Girdlestone says if he is underwater for an hour at 200 feet deep, he may need to be in a pressurized environment for one and a half hours afterwards, for example.

In 2017 while working at Lake Shasta, blowing up the old I-5 crossing at Antler’s Bridge, he busted his ankle which required surgery and a year and a half of recuperation. He has recently gone back to work and starts soon on the docks and pilings at the C&H sugar factory on the Carquinez Bay Delta.

He credits his career and his love of the water to growing up on the Delta in Walnut Grove, where he swam, fished and boated on the water. He traces his love of animal life to growing up on a farm with sheep pigs and horses. Working for his father’s company from the time he was just 13 also acquainted him with his current business. His father owned a heavy equipment company specializing in natural gas pipelines. Now that Girdlestone has been married eight years he is more choosy about assignments. He says he will “never, ever again” take a job like the one on the effluent side of a waste water treatment center. That required him to get shots for

hepatitis and tropical diseases. He says he is less likely to take a long-term job that would have him bunking with other divers for months in faraway places.

“When we first got married, I was in Peru for five months and in Kuwait for a month,” he said. Even without taking those kinds of jobs, the work hours can be demanding. Sometimes he works 12-hour days, seven days a week. The longest consecutively he has worked is 97 days when he was 200 miles off the coast of Mexico’s Gulf of Campeche. His wife Kristie, an elementary school teacher for the past 12 years, encouraged her husband to sit for an interview for this story. After some prodding by his wife, the modest Girdlestone decided to sit and talk about his work.

“I’ve seen some of the coolest stuff this planet has to offer.”

Meet Your Neighbor Submissions

If you know a Hollywood Park or Carleton Tract neighbor who has an interesting story to tell or is someone who has made a difference in our neighborhood, we’d like to spotlight them.

To contribute your article for our ‘Meet Your Neighbor’ series, send us an email at info@hollywoodpark95822.org with ‘Meet Your Neighbor’ in the subject line. Please keep articles under 500 words.. If you would like to include a photo, please send a .jpeg attached to your article. This series is for feature stories only and not for business promotions. To promote your business, we invite you to advertise in the *Hollywood Herald*.

The CommuniTree Corner

News from the volunteers of CommuniTree

2021 Tree Planting Day

By Irene Wilson

It was a great day for everyone! CommuniTree and the Sacramento Tree Foundation hosted our 4th annual Tree Planting Day on Saturday, October 30th. We started the day off with over 20 volunteers enjoying donuts and coffee while listening to guest speakers Vice Mayor and District 5 City Councilmember Jay Schenirer, County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy and SMUD Director Dave Tamayo.



County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, third from left, and SMUD Director Dave Tamayo, fourth from left, along with other CommuniTree regulars, prepare to plant a Shangtung Maple (*Acer Trucatum*) on Custis Way.

The volunteers then went to plant free shade trees in residents' front yards and returned to LDV school for a lunch of pizza and salad. We greatly appreciate the food donations from Janelle Rattigan, Kathleen Taylor and coffee from Starbucks on Sutterville Road.

By planting front yard shade trees, we create a healthier, more attractive, cooler, and walkable neighborhood. We encourage all our residents to consider planting more shade trees. Trees are donated by SMUD and coordinated by the Sacramento Tree Foundation's NeighborWoods program. To get your own free tree shade tree go to www.SacTree.com/shadetrees or call (916) 924-8733.

The District 5 Seed grant funds we received this year from Jay Schenirer helped make this planting event possible and we extend a hearty thank you to him and his staff for supporting our efforts.

- The CommuniTree Team

Note: The CommuniTree Planting Day event is not affiliated with the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association.

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Stronger Together

From the Office of District 5 City Councilmember Jay Schenirer



Councilmember Jay Schenirer

Of the many lessons we have learned in the past two years, 2021 has taught us one of the most important; we are stronger together. In the upcoming new year, I hope that we continue to embrace this lesson and apply it to everything we do as a community while also looking back and being thankful for all that we have accomplished, together.

We are getting closer to the light at the end of the tunnel with COVID-19.

More and more people continue to get vaccinated and some are now receiving their booster vaccinations. We could not have gotten where we are without everyone's help - from our frontline workers to those who spent their evenings and weekends testing and running vaccine clinics, thank you. Sacramento is, slowly but surely, recovering and creating a new, safe 'normal'.

Together we have also made significant strides in addressing the homelessness crisis in Sacramento. Through many community discussions we were able to open the X Street Navigation Center and start to explore potential future sites. While it has not been an easy task, we should be proud of what we have done and look forward to even more progress.

Sacramento has and will always be a city and a community that falls and rises together. In this upcoming year, I know we will continue to rise and lift each other up in the process. May 2022 be a year of unity and growth. Thank you for being the spirit of Sacramento.

Community Mural Paint Day

Lead artist, Jaya King, and her awesome team are hard at work on the mural at 4611 Freepoint Blvd.



If you would like to come and add your brush-strokes to the mural, you are welcome to attend the 'Community Mural Paint Day' which will be held on Saturday December 4th between 11am and 4pm. It's free, fun for the whole family and all supplies will be provided. To register, visit our website at: www.hollywoodpark95822.org.

HPNA BUSINESS MEMBERS

Shop local to help the business in our community thrive

You will not only save money and time, the money you spend at local businesses is twice as likely to stay in the neighborhood while helping provide a living for local merchants, jobs for people in the area, equity for local development and better local government services.

The HPNA Business Development Committee encourages residents to shop locally. When you shop at any of our HPNA business members listed below, let them know you appreciate their membership in the HPNA. To join HPNA as a business member, visit our web page at www.hollywoodpark95822.org.

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Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association General Membership Form

Membership is open to any person or family residing or owning a house or business within the boundaries of Hollywood Park or Carleton Tract. Members are entitled to vote at HPNA meetings, become HPNA Board members, and serve on HPNA committees. There are two ways to join or renew your membership:

By mail

Send this completed membership form and your dues* to:
HPNA, PO Box 22278, Sacramento, CA 95822

Online

Visit: www.hollywoodpark95822.org/general-membership.
Credit/debit cards accepted.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

*Dues are \$15 per household per calendar year (January to December).
Make checks payable to HPNA.

HPNA is a 501c4 nonprofit association. Tax ID # 68-0481392

Halloween Decorating Contest

By Judges Lynn Humphries, Debbie Keller and Kathleen Spitzer

We had such a fun time driving around Hollywood Park as we set out to find the winning Halloween decorations. There were so many fabulous and creative ideas, including unique tombstones, huge spiders, ghost campsites, ghost hotels, a group of Halloween aliens, pumpkins hanging in a tree, and goblins floating through the air. It was not an easy decision to select the winning ones. We finally narrowed it down to six winners: Three Grand Winners and three Winners. A special thank you to Irene Wilson for her help with judging the Halloween decorations.

Grand Winners:



Morris family on 23rd Avenue



Magee family on 22nd Avenue



Erlenbusch family on Stover Way

Winners:

Perez family on Stover Way, Skelton family on Fegan Way, Straub family on Murieta Way.

Start thinking about ideas for the upcoming Holiday House Decorating Contest. We will be out again December 17th–19th to judge those decorations.

Show your Hollywood Park Pride!

By HPNA

For our holiday gift fundraiser, we will once again be selling the following items:

- Towels \$10
- Jumbo Totes \$20
- Medium Totes \$16
- Pillows \$36
- Aprons (black with white graphic) \$30
- Short-Sleeve T-Shirts \$18
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There are two designs available. The classic “Hollywood Park” in script with a bicycle of past years (pictured left). And new this year is a design based on the Hollywood Park sign on Freeport Blvd. and Stacia Way (pictured right).

You can choose from two color schemes:

- Green design on a gray item
- White design on a black item

For information on purchasing items please contact HPNA at info@hollywoodpark95822.org.

Please note: pillows are only available in black on a linen-textured fabric.

Thank You from Centennial Church



Thank you, Hollywood Hardware!

Your kind and generous spirit helped make our Centennial Preschool Halloween Trick or Treating Parade a success. We appreciate you!